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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Announces Results of Random Alphabet Drawing for October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Election

SACRAMENTO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced the results of the randomized alphabet drawing held Monday in the Secretary of State's office in Sacramento.

The random results will be used to determine the order of candidates on the ballot in the October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Election.

Randomized Alphabet for Use in the October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Election

1. R	8. A	15. N	22. P
2. W	9. H	16. T	23. D
3. Q	10. B	17. C	24. Y
4. O	11. S	18. I	25. F
5. J	12. G	19. E	26. L
6. M	13. Z	20. K	
7. V	14. X	21. U	

This alphabet applies throughout the entire name of the candidate. If the names of two or more candidates begin with the same letter, their order is determined by applying this randomized alphabet to the next letters of the name. For example, if two candidates with the surnames Campbell and Carlson are running, their order on the ballot will depend on the order in which the letters M and R were drawn in the randomized alphabet drawing.

A final list will be provided to the counties who will add an additional random element to the process by rotating the alphabetic order so that a different candidate is at the top of the ballot in each of California's 80 Assembly Districts.

The first drawing will determine the ordering of the candidate names on the ballot for the First Assembly District. For the Second Assembly District, the first candidate's name will move to the bottom of the list, and each succeeding candidate will move up. What voters see on the ballot in Eureka, California is different from what the voters will see on the ballot in San Diego, California. The purpose of the process is to ensure that placement of the candidates' names on the ballot are decided in a fair and impartial manner.

The random alphabet technique was established by legislation in 1975 in response to court rulings declaring unconstitutional incumbent first or standard alphabetical order.